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SUBJECT: PIETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT TO ALASKA

REF: THE HAGUE 272

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR GOULD TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS MORTON.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR ROG: I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT MR. PIETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN, HUSBAND OF PRINCESS MARGRIET OF THE NETHERLANDS, WILL BE VISITING ALASKA FOR SEVERAL DAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 14 TO ATTEND THE WORLD CHAMPION SLED DOG RACING AND TO SUPERVISE THE SHOOTING OF A FILM ON THE RACES FOR DUTCH TV. IN A LETTER TO ME VAN VOLLENHOVEN SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SEE SOMETHING OF ALASKA INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE A VISIT TO ONE OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO ALASKA AT A LATER DATE TO DO A SECOND LONGER TV DOCUMENTARY ON THE ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, AND OTHER FEATURES OF THE STATE INCLUDING SOME OF ITS NATIONAL PARKS.

3. MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT AND TV PROJECT HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE DEPT OF STATE AND THE UNITED STATE INFORMATION AGENCY AND THE STATE OF ALASKA HAS OFFERED FACILITATIVE ASSIS-
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TANCE. I HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR EGAN, COMMENDING MR.

VAN VOLLENHOVEN TO HIM IN WARM TERMS AND SAYING I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE BEING EXTENDED TO HIM BY ALASKAN AUTHORITIES. THE WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR. JOHN WERNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WHO, I UNDERSTAND, WILL ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT.

4. MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN IS A GOOD AND LOYAL FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND WANTS VERY MUCH FOR THE TV FILM TO STIPULATE DUTCH INTEREST IN ALASKA AND GENERALLY TO GIVE A BOOST TO US-DUTCH RELATIONS. HE AND I WOULD BOTH BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COURTESIES THE INTERIOR DEPT CAN RENDER HIM WHEN HE VISIT THE ALASKAN NATIONAL PARKS. BEST REGARDS, KINGDOM END MESSAGE.
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